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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to an Examination on the merits, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Applicants also enclose Exhibit 1, which contains a figure that was submitted in the corresponding PCT proceedings that the Applicants believe will be helpful to the Examiner. The documents cited in the figure are denoted per the Written Opinion. The Applicants have also included all of the pending claims although Claims 9, 10, and 17 were not amended in the present filing.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) Dermal sheath tissue and/or a cell [cells] derived therefrom [for use in gene therapy] wherein said tissue and/or said cell can be comprised by a gene therapy vehicle for delivering at least one selected gene, or functional fragment thereof, to a target site.